

French Tighten Belts—

DeGaulle Announces Rigid Economy Program

By HARVEY HUDSON

PARIS (AP)—France today embarked on a new year's house cleaning of her economy.

It was bad news all along the line for most French people, but Premier Charles de Gaulle said it was the only way to get out of a dangerous situation.

Recording Aids Police To Recapture Escapee From Women's Prison

CHICAGO (AP)—Police said a lurid tape recording helped them track down and recapture Emily Shouse, 19, attractive escapee from the Dwight state reformatory for women.

The shapely teen-ager, who had changed the color of her hair from red to black, was seized Sunday night in a Near North Side tavern.

Announcement Spurs Call For British Bonds

By ALVIN STEINKOPF

LONDON (AP)—A strong worldwide demand for British government securities developed today after weekend announcements by 10 West European nations that foreigners holding their currencies may convert them into any kind of money.

Government leaders generally predicted the liberalizing of foreign exchange restrictions would encourage wider trade.

Investors grasped their first opportunity, on the opening of the London Stock Exchange to demonstrate confidence in the state's securities. The freer pound, now convertible into dollars at official rates by all foreigners, stood up well to other currencies.

It had sagged a little in the first hours of trading.

Freer convertibility of the major European currencies seemed to be off to a promising start, but some doubts were expressed—

chiefly in France. There, with devaluation of the franc and an austerity budget, the country faced a more serious financial shakeup than other lands.

But the French position was relieved somewhat by today's announcement it is receiving a 60-million-dollar loan from West Germany, and by reports that other European states may come to France's assistance.

British businessmen, sorting out the convertibility puzzle, were expecting no direct benefits but believed they will gain in the long run because a freer pound should give them a bigger share of world trade.

Until the change today, anyone who sold goods to Britain for pounds, for example, had to pay more than the official rate to convert these pounds into dollars. West German marks or other currencies. As a result, such sellers tended to restrict their own foreign buying to countries which would accept pounds.

Beginning today, the foreign seller in Britain can take his pounds and convert them at the official rate into marks if he wants to buy in West Germany, dollars if he wants to go into the U.S. market or any other money he needs or wants.

Businessmen mostly welcomed the change. There also was expectation of more buying in the United States since dollars would be easier to get.

NAMES PYLE TO NEW FAA

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP)—President Eisenhower appointed James T. Pyle, head of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, deputy administrator of the new Federal Aviation Agency today.

Pyle, a former Pan American Airways official, will be assistant to Elwood (Pete) Quesada, top man in the agency which is absorbing CAA's functions.

Proposes Giant Wheel 500 Miles Up As Lab

WASHINGTON (AP)—A new plan for a gigantic wheel in space—intended as a laboratory 500 miles above the earth—was proposed today.

Scientists from the Lockheed Missile Systems Division of Sunnyvale, Calif., predicted that the space art will be advanced enough to do the job in about 10 years. It would cost more than two billion dollars, they estimated.

The wheel with five spokes would be assembled in space, with ready-made units fired up to a construction crew.

In operation it would support a scientific crew of 10 men for six months completely independent of

earth supply. It would have a nuclear power supply as it orbited around the earth.

The basic rocket which would boost the space station compartments into orbit would be a three-stage giant, according to the Lockheed proposal.

Crewmen would be able to return to earth in a special re-entry vehicle which would glide gradually into the earth's atmosphere and drop below the speed of sound some 25,000 feet above the earth.

At this stage the return vehicle would turn on a turbojet engine and fly as a normal airplane until it was captured piggy back style by a mother airplane and brought in for a landing.

Police quoted her as saying that if returned to prison, "I'm coming right back over those walls."

She and Mrs. Shirley Gray, 23, of St. Louis broke out of the reformatory Nov. 22 by removing a ventilator grill from the basement of one of the detention cottages.

State police recaptured Mrs. Gray Dec. 23 near Joliet after she crashed a stolen car into a home.

Miss Shouse, who was serving a 15-to-18 year sentence for her part in a fatal robbery beating four years ago, readily admitted her identity when approached in the tavern by Detective Emil Smicklas.

"I was going to blow Chicago with just \$9," Smicklas quoted her.

Smicklas said investigators were tipped off to Miss Shouse's whereabouts after an acquaintance of hers, Klem Kummer, turned over a tape recording made in his apartment.

Smicklas said Miss Shouse recorded her experiences in crime and the details of her escape, explaining to Kummer that she was inventing the details. Kummer, grew suspicious and contacted police.

Dressed in black tuxedo pants and a snug blue sweater, she told newsmen Sunday night how she and Mrs. Gray hid for 16 hours in a sewer pipe beneath a highway near Odell, Livingston County, after their escape.

Realizing that police would set up road-blocks for them, Miss Shouse related, they walked 87 miles to Chicago.

Ike Shops With Grandson David

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP)—President Eisenhower made another unannounced shopping foray into downtown Gettysburg today.

Accompanied by his 10-year-old grandson, David, the President briskly purchased a pair of black shoes and two pairs of shoelaces for David; and some jewelry, a game and some stationery as birthday gifts for granddaughter Susan, who will turn 7 on New Year's Eve.

Eisenhower paid cash to the slightly startled shopkeepers as he did last week when he and David came in from the Eisenhower farm for their first local shopping expedition.

Eisenhower's comment on today's shopping expedition, as overheard by one onlooker: "Well, we did the best we could."

MARIA CALLAS SEEKS DAMAGES

ROME (AP)—Temperamental soprano Maria Callas is trying to collect 21 million lire—about \$2,500—from the Rome Opera Co. because she was not allowed to appear again after walking out on opening night last Jan. 2.

The American star is asking that amount in damages, plus her travel costs and other expenses in a suit she has filed.

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JUST STEALING LOOK

DALLAS (AP)—Bouncers at a burlesque house thought they had caught a burglar when a man crashed through the ceiling of the dressing room, narrowly missing three strippers.

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In a nationwide radio and television address Sunday night, De Gaulle presented only the melancholy big picture. The sad details of the new austerity will be in the fine print of the official journal, which prints all government regulations, in the next few days.

These were the major hardship measures announced by the Premier:

PARIS (AP)—Stock traders showed confidence today in the government's program for a New Year's housecleaning of French economy. Gold and French stock issues steadied with slight rises in the first session after the devaluation of the franc.

Devaluation of the franc by 17.5 per cent, cutting prices of French products abroad but raising them and of imports for the home folks.

Partial convertibility of the franc, allowing foreigners to dip into France's small stock of gold and dollar exchange without comparable liberalization for Frenchmen wanting to buy, travel or invest abroad.

A budget of nearly 15 billion dollars, up more than two billion dollars from last year.

A variety of tax increases and cuts in subsidies the government has been paying to producers to keep prices of many things down. The government estimates this will keep the budget deficit to about \$1,100,000,000, some 30 million less than it was last year. But the loss of subsidies will send prices on those items up.

More spending in Algeria, both for the military campaign against the nationalist rebellion and for the ambitious economic program De Gaulle wants to launch to better the lot of the Moslems.

The little he promised to brighten in the dark picture included a raise in the lowest minimum wage levels, and increases in unemployment benefits to bring jobs pay to the minimum wage. There was also indication of improved hospitals, housing and schools.

De Gaulle said the revolt of the colonials and the army in Algeria last May, which brought him back to power, actually resulted "from the general conviction that the public powers were impotent against the wave of menaces, which comprised, naturally, those striking our economy."

Release Ex-Con In Investigation Of Bullock Killing

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Police have resumed checking the movements of James S. Bullock on the day before his slaying after a week-end flurry of excitement in the mystery fizzled out.

Ex-convict Thomas L. Lawrence, 41, was released Sunday after taking a lie detector test which indicated he knew nothing about the killing of Bullock, 27-year-old utility company clerk and St. Louis University student.

Detectives have been investigating the possibility that Bullock applied for admission to a St. Louis County sanitarium just four days before he was shot to death in front of the City Art Museum Dec. 17.

Bullock was described by friends and acquaintances as a stable, well-adjusted worker and student. But William Copley, administrator of the Sunset Sanitarium, pointed out a picture of Bullock as the man who came to the institution Dec. 13 and asked for admission, saying he was nervous and in fear of his life. The man gave no details.

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RIGHT-HAND MAN—Looking like a man of achievement in this picture from rebel sources, Ernesto "Che" Guevara relaxes after leading troops in what rebel sources said was the capture of Fomento, Cuba. Guevara was described as Argentine-born, right-hand man of Fidel Castro and "commander-in-chief of anti-government forces in Las Villas Province." Cuban rebels said they will name their own "President" of Cuba.

Rebels Smash Ahead—

Cuba's Civil War Appears Near Climax

By WILLIAM L. RYAN

HAVANA (AP)—A climax in Cuba's two-year-old civil war appeared to be drawing near today. Fidel Castro's rebels smashed at government forces in Eastern Cuba, and President Fulgencio Batista's army waged a fierce offensive against insurgents in the central part of the island.

In Oriente province, at the eastern end of the island, the rebel radio said four of Castro's columns were marching toward Oriente's capital, Santiago de Cuba, after hitting army forces elsewhere in the province.

The rebels said their goal was to set up an insurgent government in Oriente shortly.

In the central province of Las Villas, Batista's forces apparently had started a large-scale offensive to counter a string of rebel victories which threatened the provincial capital of Santa Clara. The government was sending in heavy artillery, tanks and bombers.

The rebels reported government planes bombed Santa Clara and the rebel-held town of Jajoncito, in Camaguey province near Las Villas border. Camaguey lies between Las Villas and Oriente.

Other reports from Las Villas said Batista's planes and artillery heavily bombed and shelled rebel concentrations around Santa Clara. One aim of the government offensive appeared to be to re-fuel police in three counties was Howard Belsly, 38, a farm youth living near Eureka.

Sheriff Wolf went to the farm of Dan Crummel, a neighbor of Belsly, after Crummel reported by telephone that someone had attempted to steal his automobile.

As Wolf and Crummel stood talking inside Crummel's house about 1 a.m., the farmer said, Belsly poked a shotgun in a window from the outside and fired. The sheriff was killed by part of the charge which struck him in the head.

Crummel again phoned the sheriff's office, reporting the shooting and flight of Belsly in Crummel's automobile.

Deputy Howard Whittington notified state police and the McLean and Tazewell county sheriffs. Wolf was taken to Eureka Hospital where his condition was reported serious.

Crummel's automobile was found abandoned 13-miles southwest of Eureka in Morton where a second car was stolen. The second car was recovered a few minutes later beside a highway three miles east of Morton on U.S. Rt. 150.

A police roadblock was set up farther east on Rt. 150 at Goodfield. Minutes after the blockade was established, Belsly, driving a third stolen car, sped around it in a hail of bullets from police guns. A screen of fog helped him in maneuver.

Belsly was captured eight miles east of the roadblock, after he missed a road turn three miles north of Carlock in the fog and crashed into a ditch.

PARTY LEAVES TO SET UP CAMP NAMED FOR ILLINOIS TOWN

LITTLE AMERICA, Antarctica (AP)—A 10-man ground party left today to set up a U.S. auxiliary base 160 miles from Lyttle American on the trail to Byrd Station.

The new base, to be used for summer support activity, will be named Camp Rockford, after the Illinois town where Rear Adm. George Dufek makes his home. Dufek is the commander of the U.S. Antarctic naval support force.

The party is led by Chief Petty Officer Lawrence Allemand, a seabee from Lockport, La.

Motorists Hold Traffic Toll Under Estimate

Illinois Roads Among U.S. Bloodiest

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One of the highest traffic fatality tolls in the nation bloodied Illinois highways over the long Christmas holiday.

The Associated Press count for the 102-hour holiday period in Illinois was 38 persons killed in traffic accidents, 4 in fires and 11 in miscellaneous mishaps.

Illinois' grim total for the period, which ran from 6 p.m. Wednesday to midnight Sunday, was exceeded only by California and Texas.

The state toll was swelled by four multiple-death traffic accidents. A two-car collision in fog near Greenup claimed the lives of four persons from that area Sunday.

Killed were Mrs. Charles Malen, 46; her daughter, Sarah Jane Malen, 14, and her granddaughter, Selena Sherrick, 4 months, all of Greenup, and Donald Lee Hanners, 21, of rural Cassa, driver of the other car.

In another Sunday multiple fatality, Charles R. Brown, 41, and his wife, Mildred, of Farmington, Mich., were killed when their car collided with one driven by Wes Gentry, 43, of St. Louis. The crash occurred on U. S. 40 near Vandalia. Gentry was injured.

Four persons died as a result of a two-car, head-on collision near Ottawa Saturday. They were Airman Laverne Downing, 38; his wife, Wendolyn, 37, and their 18-month-old daughter, Anna Lynn, of McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey, and Elizabeth Corrie, 19, of Ottawa. Miss Corrie, the driver of the other car, died Sunday in a hospital.

Two men were killed in an auto accident on the outskirts of Chicago Sunday night. They were Bobby Baker, 26, and John Lucas, 33, both near Chicago.

Eight pedestrians died during the holiday weekend when they were struck by autos. In Chicago, Ella Schreck, 60; John George Lee, 72, and Mrs. Minnie Lerch, 76, were struck and killed Christmas Eve.

Charles Byland, 51, was run down and killed in Peoria; Mike Thomas, 21, in Coal City, and Mrs. Anna Hoernmann, 70, in Granite City, all on Christmas Day.

Gilbert Winsfield, 30, of Edwardsville, injured in the same accident in which Mrs. Hoernmann was killed, died Sunday of his injuries.

Anthony Holland, three months old son of Arvin Holland of 3902 W. Fillmore St., Chicago, was killed Sunday in a two-car collision near Pontiac.

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Strike Threat Against National Airlines Looms

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The threat of a strike next month against National Airlines loomed today as two other major airlines remained grounded by labor disputes.

The Air Line Ticket Agents Assn. said in Miami Sunday it was preparing to take a strike vote over discharge of a National employee in New York last year.

A union spokesman said if the vote favored the strike, it could begin early next month.

One-third of the nation's commercial airlines currently stand idle because of strikes at Eastern Air Lines and American Airlines.

The New York Times said the federal mediators proposed settlement of the dispute between Eastern and its flight engineers.

The engineers quit work Nov. 24, protesting a company demand that they qualify as jet pilots.

Machinists at Eastern went out the same day, both in support of the engineers and for an improved contract. They reached settlement with the company Dec. 14 and withdrew their pickets Sunday after official tabulation of a vote to accept the agreement.

But machinist union officials have indicated their members will not be asked to cross engineers' picket lines.

Striking pilots at American have asked for clarification of parts of a seven-point contract formula worked out by federal mediators and accepted by the company.

The pilots struck at midnight Dec. 20 over wages.



ACCEPT CONTRACT OFFER—Newspaper deliverymen stand at voting machines in New York City before casting ballots on latest contract offer. Acceptance of pact ended a strike that reduced New Yorkers to reading out of town papers, books, magazines, or just staring at each other on subways.

—NEA Telephoto

Pact Ends New York's Costliest Newspaper Strike—\$50 Million

NEW YORK (AP)—The costliest newspaper strike in the city's history is over.

Deliveries went back to work early today with a new two year contract. It gave them a \$5.30 wage increase and fringe benefits. They ratified it Sunday, 2,091-537, ending the 19-day walkout.

The strike cost was estimated at 50 million dollars.

All four morning newspapers published. Editions began hitting the streets of this news-starved city about 2 a.m., four hours after the strike's end.

They were the first since Dec. 11, when the nine major daily newspapers halted operations.

Deliveries began their strike Dec. 9. The papers continued to publish until Dec. 11.

Plants of the five afternoon papers buzzed again with activity as they resumed normal schedules.

Hundreds of newsstand dealers threw open their shutters. New Yorkers normally purchase 5½ million copies daily and 8½ million Sundays.

A back-to-work call went out to the Independent Newspaper and Mail Deliverers Union's 4,400 members and to 15,000 nonstriking newspaper employees laid off when the plants shut down.

Terms of the agreement were settled by negotiators Friday night.

The new contract included a \$3.55 pay increase the first year and \$1.75 the second. Benefits included Columbus Day off as a ninth paid holiday and three days of sick leave annually, to begin in 1960. Unused sick leave will be paid in wages at the new scale.

The deliveries also won a reduction from 53 to 50 pounds in the weight of bundles they handle.

The basic prestrike wage was \$60.22 a week.

The new pact is estimated to be worth \$7 weekly to the deliverymen.

Asher Schwartz, union attorney, said the new contract would be in effect as of Dec. 7, when the old pact expired.

Barney G. Cameron, president of the Publishers Assn. of New York City, estimated the cost of the strike to the newspaper publishing business alone at 25 million dollars in revenue.

The City Commerce Department said that retail stores, lacking normal advertising channels during the heavy holiday shopping season, missed about 7 per cent of sales potential. This comes to about 10 million dollars.

Pay losses incurred by employees ran to about five million dollars.

CRYSTAL LAKE COUPLE DIE AS PLANE CRASHES

KANSAS CITY (AP)—A light plane crashed in a residential area of Kansas City Sunday killing a Crystal Lake, Ill., couple. But it hit the ground in a 50-foot space between two houses and no one else was hurt.

The plane stopped only five feet from the house of Harry Huntman. The wreckage caught fire and the flames scorched the paint of Huntman's house. Two small children were in the room nearest the wreckage.

Killed were the pilot, Halton H. Friend, 56, and his wife, Jeanette, 44, of Crystal Lake.

A few minutes before the crash Friend radioed municipal airport that the engine on his four-place plane was a fire. He asked that the field be cleared for an emergency landing.

The plane was only two miles north of the airport when it crashed.

The Friends were en route home after a Christmas visit to Grand Junction, Colo. They stopped at Kansas City for fuel and had just taken off when the plane crashed.

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Near 600 Killed On Highways

Traffic 592
Fires 93
Miscellaneous 96

Total 781

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Belated reports today swelled the nation's toll of dead from traffic accidents over the four-day Christmas weekend to nearly 600.

Tragic as it was, the number of fatalities was fewer than the pre-holiday estimate of 620.

Early in the long holiday, with highway deaths occurring at a much faster pace than anticipated, it appeared the final count would be far greater than the estimate.

But three-quarters through the weekend the rate of deaths slowed as motorists—apparently shocked by the awesome toll the first three days—exerted greater caution.

However, belated reports of accidents which occurred up to midnight Sunday may boost the toll to the second highest holiday toll on record.

Safety experts had expressed alarm at the slaughter on the highways from the start of the 102-hour holiday—apparently shocked by the awesome toll the first three days—exerted greater caution.

The National Safety Council was hopeful that the toll would not exceed its preholiday estimate of 620.

The second worst holiday for traffic deaths was the three-day Christmas period in 1955 when 609 persons were killed. It was the nation's worst record, on an hourly basis, a death every eight minutes. In the record toll of the Christmas period in 1957 the approximate average traffic death rate was one death every 13½ minutes.

There were several multiple death accidents during the long holiday weekend. Eight died in two crashes Sunday, including four young Milwaukee men in a smash-up near Racine, Wis., and four persons in a collision on icy pavement in morning fog near Greenup, Ill.

Fires took a heavy toll, including a rash of multiple death dwelling blazes. The worst single fire took the lives of a mother and eight of her children in a farmhouse near Auburn, Wash. The

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Weather Report

Temperatures
High yesterday 55 at 3:00 p.m.
Low last night 35
At noon today 37Tomorrow
Sunrise 7:24 a.m.
Sunset 4:42 p.m.Jacksonville And Vicinity
Mostly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Colder tonight. Low to night mid 20s. High Tuesday lower 30s. Low Tuesday night upper 20s.

Illinois Temperatures

Rockford 46 35
Moline 54 35
Peoria 54 37
Rantoul 49 29
Quincy 57 33
Springfield 53 38
Vandalia 42 33
Scott Air Base 46 40

Guides Towboat To Shore After Blast

JOLIET, Ill. (AP)—A quick-thinking towboat captain stuck with his craft and guided it and two gasoline-laden barges to shore after a blast and fire disabled the towboat engine room Sunday.

The barges, each carrying 50,000 gallons of gasoline, did not catch fire. The Lockport, Ill., fire department put out the blaze on the towboat M. V. Martin, owned by the Martin Oil Co., of Blue Island, Ill.

The explosion and fire occurred while the towboat, pushed the barges to Blue Island on the Illinois Waterway, was about 11 miles north of Joliet.

Capt. James Harley ordered his six-man crew to abandon ship in a rowboat. The blast and fire had disabled the vessel's power-operated steering gear so Harley ran to the hand steering wheel on the after deck.

The barges began to drift athwart the waterway's main course, but Harley brought them back into line and guided both from the rear in a drift toward shore. He grounded all three vessels as firemen reached the scene. The towboat engineer, C. H. Reed, 50, of Clarksville, Miss., suffered an injured heel in the blast.

The Illinois Waterway stretches southwest from Chicago across Illinois, entering the Mississippi River at Grafton, Ill.